



BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

JIM IRVIN  
Commissioner - Chairman  
RENZ D. JENNINGS  
Commissioner  
CARL J. KUNASEK  
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - TARIFF  
FILING TO INTRODUCE LAN  
SWITCHING SERVICE (LSS)

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-98-0399

DECISION NO. 61031

ORDER

Arizona Corporation Commission

DOCKETED

AUG 6 1998

Open Meeting  
August 4 and 5, 1998  
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

DOCKETED BY

*Paul*

1. U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) is certified to provide telephone service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

2. On July 16, 1998, U S WEST filed tariff pages to introduce new LAN Switching Services (LSS):

Competitive Services Tariff

Section 1, Page 2, Release 5  
Section 1, Page 6, Release 4  
Section 9, Page Index, Release 1  
Section 9, Pages 1 - 11, Release 1

3. This service would allow customers to connect their metropolitan-area and wide-area Local Area Network (LAN) locations by using the switching capability of U S WEST's Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) network rather than standard private line connections, as is the case with Transparent LAN Service (TLS). LSS will connect multiple customer locations at speeds of 10 Mbps, 16 Mbps, 45 Mbps, and 155 Mbps to create a virtual LAN. LSS also offers customers the option of having a second circuit established to provide backup and redundancy.

1           4.       LSS is listed in the Competitive Services Section of U S WEST's tariff. The  
2 proposed tariff contains maximum and initial rates as well as rates for service with and without  
3 protection. The initial order for LSS must be for a fixed service period of one, three, or five  
4 years. At the end of the initial service period, a customer may elect the month-to-month option  
5 or any of the specified fixed service periods.

6           5.       Staff has reviewed U S WEST's supporting information and has determined that the  
7 proposed rates cover costs. Staff believes that this filing could benefit customers with multiple  
8 LAN locations.

9           6.       Staff has recommended approval of the filing. Staff further recommends that U S  
10 WEST notify Staff of any changes to the rates.

11                               CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12           1.       U S WEST is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article  
13 XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

14           2.       The Commission has jurisdiction over U S WEST and over the subject matter of  
15 the Application.

16           3.       Approval of the tariff filing does not constitute a rate increase as contemplated by  
17 A. R. S. Section 40-250.

18           4.       The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained  
19 in the Commission files) and Staff's Memorandum dated July 24, 1998, concludes that the tariff  
20 is reasonable, fair, and equitable, and is therefore in the public interest.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

  
COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

  
COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 6th day of August 1998.

  
JACK ROSE  
Executive Secretary

DISSENT \_\_\_\_\_

RTW:LSS:djg

Decision No. 101031